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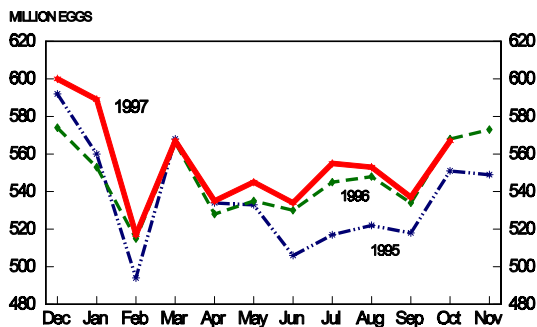
CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during October totaled 567 million, 30.0 million more than last month, and 1.0 million more than last October. Average number of layers during the month averaged 25.9 million, fractionally above October 1996. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,191 compared to 2,105 last month and 2,198 in October 1996.

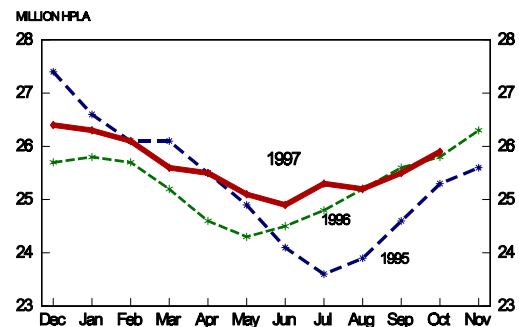
U.S. OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT

U.S. egg production totaled 6.65 billion during October 1997, up 2 percent from the 6.50 billion produced in 1996. Production included 5.61 billion table eggs and 1.03 billion hatching eggs, of which 975 million were broiler-type and 59.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 1997 averaged 306 million, up 2 percent from the average number of layers during October 1996. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,171 eggs, the same as in October 1996. All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 1997 totaled 306 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 306 million layers consisted of 251 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 52.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.46 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 1997 averaged 70.4 eggs per 100 layers, up fractionally from the 70.2 a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1994-1997



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1994-1997



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING OCTOBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF NOVEMBER 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	-- Thousands --		-- Number --		-- Millions --		---- Percent ----			
Alabama	10,318	10,569	2,045	1,959	211	207	2.0	2.5	15.0	15.5
Arkansas	14,713	14,364	1,917	1,887	282	271	1.0	1.0	12.5	14.0
California	25,841	25,881	2,198	2,191	568	567	5.5	8.0	42.0	36.0
Georgia	18,539	20,582	2,087	2,089	387	430	4.5	6.5	25.0	18.5
Indiana	21,597	21,430	2,278	2,282	492	489	0.5	3.0	20.5	22.0
Iowa	20,079	21,159	2,226	2,264	447	479	3.0	5.0	34.5	24.5
North Carolina	12,298	11,519	1,935	1,901	238	219	2.5	4.0	14.0	13.0
Ohio	25,214	26,494	2,249	2,272	567	602	2.5	1.5	12.0	13.5
Pennsylvania	20,766	21,696	2,268	2,277	471	494	2.5	3.0	22.0	15.0
Texas	16,645	17,361	2,091	2,120	348	368	2.0	3.5	24.0	24.0
UNITED STATES	299,196	306,028	2,171	2,171	6,495	6,645	3.1	4.2	23.9	22.2

U.S. BROILER HATCH UP 5 PERCENT

The October 1997 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 683 million, was up 5 percent from October of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 551 million eggs on November 1, 1997, up 4 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.25 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 1997. This was up 1 percent from October 1996.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, OCTOBER

State	1996	1997	1997 1996
	- Thousands -		Percent
Alabama	85,353	89,398	105
Arkansas	102,951	104,540	102
Delaware	15,591	15,117	97
Florida	9,840	9,279	94
Georgia	98,430	103,762	105
Maryland	28,387	28,825	102
Mississippi	57,890	61,095	106
North Carolina	57,277	57,082	100
Pennsylvania	11,426	12,791	112
South Carolina	15,370	15,375	100
Texas	40,462	43,083	106
Virginia	22,238	23,113	104
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	31,061	33,747	109
Washington & Oregon	5,042	4,740	94
Other States ^{1/}	70,914	81,114	114
UNITED STATES	652,232	683,061	105

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP 6 PERCENT

Egg-type chicks hatched during October totaled 35.2 million, up 6 percent from October 1996. Eggs in incubators totaled 26.9 million on November 1, 1997, down 6 percent from a year ago.

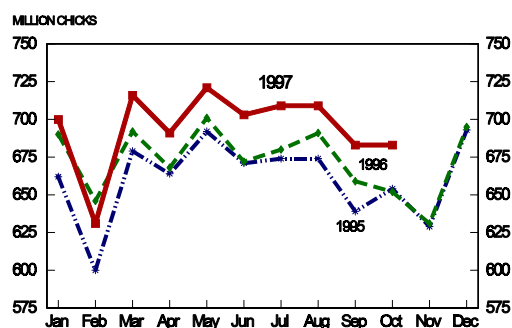
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 266 thousand during October 1997. This was up 14 percent from the 233 thousand of October 1996.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, OCTOBER

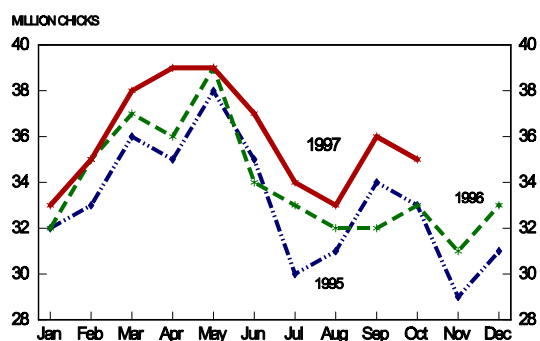
State	1996	1997	1997 1996
	- Thousands -		Percent
Arkansas	585	846	145
Florida	1,536	1,327	86
Georgia	1,912	1,719	90
Indiana	6,886	7,048	102
Iowa	2,766	4,185	151
Kansas	201	232	115
Minnesota	1,984	1,946	98
Missouri	351	372	106
Pennsylvania	3,728	4,181	112
Other States ^{1/}	13,116	13,319	102
UNITED STATES	33,065	35,175	106

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BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1995-1997



EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1995-1997



EGGS IN INCUBATORS, NOVEMBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1996	1997	1997/1996	1996	1997	1997/1996
	-- Thousands --		Percent	-- Thousands --		Percent
North Atlantic	11,157	11,053	99	4,887	6,083	124
East North Central	8,034	6,879	86	7,690	7,636	99
West North Central	19,387	19,497	101	5,725	5,101	89
South Atlantic	206,559	209,503	101	3,986	2,890	73
South Central	259,954	282,801	109	2,290	2,282	100
West	22,698	20,797	92	4,209	2,925	69
UNITED STATES	527,789	550,530	104	28,787	26,917	94

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average October prices received by California producers, when compared to September average prices, decreased 2 cents for broilers and 2 cents per dozen for market eggs. Prices for turkeys remained the same as last month.

Nationally, the October average prices received by producers decreased 3.5 cents per pound for broilers, 4.4 cents per dozen for market eggs, and 0.8 cents per pound for turkeys.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	October 1996	Sept. 15, 1997	Oct. 15, 1997
--- Cents ---				
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	42.0	40.0	38.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	67.0	58.0	56.0
Turkeys	Lb.	45.0	42.0	42.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	93.5	38.5	35.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	62.7	57.6	53.2
Turkeys	Lb.	45.1	41.1	40.3

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION DOWN 3 PERCENT

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators on November 1, 1997 totaled 30.9 million, down 3 percent from November 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down 3 percent from the revised October 1 total of 31.9 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: E N Central, down 4 percent; W N Central, up 7 percent; N & S Atlantic, down 8 percent; S Central, down 4 percent; West, down 8 percent.

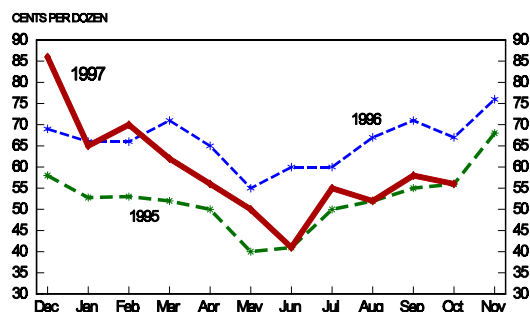
The 24.6 million poults placed during October 1997 in the United States were down 3 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 3 percent from the revised September 1997 total of 23.9 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: E N Central, down 4 percent; W N Central, up 14 percent; N & S Atlantic, down 13 percent; S Central, down 3 percent; West, down 7 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

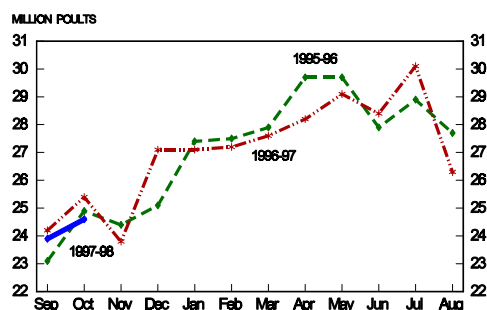
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Nov. 1		1997 1996	Poults Placed during Oct. 1/		1997 1996
	1996	1997		1996	1997	
	Thousands	Pct.		Thousands	Pct.	
E N Central	4,854	4,682	96	3,667	3,511	96
W N Central	8,664	9,298	107	6,382	7,292	114
N & S Atlantic	11,199	10,332	92	9,908	8,629	87
S Central	4,190	4,013	96	3,230	3,130	97
West	2,761	2,541	92	2,167	2,025	93
U.S.	31,668	30,866	97	25,354	24,587	97

1/ Excludes exported poults.

MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1994-1997



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES
SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 1995-1998



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		97-98 96-97	Cumulative Total		97-98 96-97
	1996-97	1997-98		1996-97	1997-98	
	Thousands	Percent		Thousands	Percent	
Sept.	24,154	23,907	99	24,154	23,907	99
Oct.	25,354	24,587	97	49,508	48,494	98
Nov.	23,830			73,338		
Dec.	27,119			100,457		
Jan.	27,121			127,578		
Feb.	27,145			154,723		
Mar.	27,610			182,333		
Apr.	28,220			210,553		
May	29,120			239,673		
June	28,380			268,053		
July	30,092			298,145		
Aug.	26,321			324,466		

1/ Data for 1996 includes revisions published in "Hatchery Production 1995 Summary". Excludes exported poults.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	Oct. 1996	Sept. 1997 a/	Oct. 1997	Oct 97 Oct 96	Oct 97 Sep 97
		---- Thousands ----			-- Percent --	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	102,326	131,480	124,473	122	95
Chickens	Lbs.	36,471	45,027	42,030	115	93
Ducks	Lbs.	328	747	525	160	70
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	139,125	177,254	167,028	120	94
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	658,295	771,455	737,523	112	96
Chickens	Lbs.	591,458	557,957	582,970	99	104
Ducks	Lbs.	2,160	2,848	2,462	114	86
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,251,913	1,332,260	1,322,955	106	99
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	12,649	10,903	10,961	87	101

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